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1896-7
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(Land Revenue)

File No. 156.

Previous References

Serial Nos. 1-14.

Later References

General and Revenue Secretariat.

Serial Nos. 14.

Part B for March 1899.

SUBJECT

Papers relating to the claim of Sirigei Jahagir to Mineral Rights.

Countermarked
8/7/27

RT 100-97

Part II

Papers relating to the

Claim of Srimpeni Jahaghiri

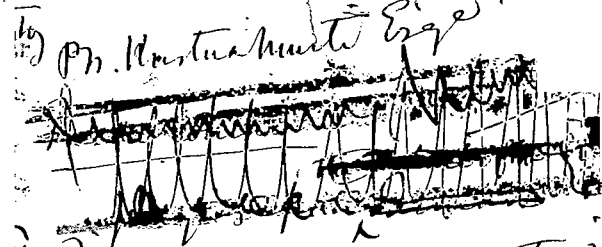
to

Mineral Rights.

Irrigation Gadagin Mineral rights.

Serial Number	Letter No.	Letter Date	From whom	To whom
1.	—	23.8.96	Agent, Irrigation Matt-	Diwan.
2.	355	11.12.96	Dharwar Karin	Secretary to Govt
3.		16.2.96	Dharwar "	R. Bruce Foote Esq
4.	Copy of Diwans note 3 - allows remarks.		2.9.96 with ref from	
5.	Secretary's note Dated 16.6.97.			
6.	13676 2716	24.6.97	Secretary -	Govt Minerals.
7.	176	25.6.97	The Chamrajpet	Secretary to Govt
8.	210	2.7.97	Secretary Irrigation Deptt	— do —
9.	Diwans note 3 8-3-97 & Commissr's note 3 8 7 97.			
10.	Asst Commissr's note 3.7.97.			
11.	2nd Commissr's note 3 15.7.97.			
12.	Diwans Notes dated 19.2.99.			
13.	— do —		Chief Secy	24.2.99.
14.	Draft Regulation			

by Pr. Mountain Mutts Engr



(1)

Can be no doubt that the right
of minerals within the Jagheer
Vests in the Mutt, ~~Grantee of~~
~~Grants~~ under the terms of the
Grants creating the Jagheer —
There is also no doubt that the
Mutt failed to take advantage
of the procedure prescribed Section 38 of
in Clauses 3, 4, 5 & 6 of the Regn
Regn and hence there has been
no final adjudication upon the
claim of the Claim under Cl
is no ~~adjudicating~~ right
by any tribunal —
Under Clause (3) it was
Obligatory on the Mutt to
have sought the adjudication
provided, if it claimed the
right in question. It has
failed in this Obligation and
two questions therefore arise
1st Has the Mutts right
determined & ceased by the
default of the Mutt?
and 2nd If it has, is it a
fit case for the State
to re-grant the right thus
lost — Recommended by

28/9/96

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(5)a

Extract of minute of the last meeting of

Council

The Surveyor gives claim of right to minerals in his garden. He refers the case to the Councillor.

Mr. Ridge claims a similar right in certain garden villages in the above district. His title deeds have been called for.

The question for consideration is how these and other similar claims are affected by the provisions of Section 35 of the said Revenue Law, & whether Council should accept his claim under claim (3) of that Section? Also his failure to exhibit his right otherwise satisfactorily?

Sd/ C. Saunderson

Secy. 16.6.97.

"Copy"

Minerals Reservation

Jas Scott

16/6/97

(3.

Ice 9 LR 1 March 85
5 Calcutta 897

Robey

The Summons & Plaint
filed & recorded March
9 1885, the first Defendant
and the two Plaintiffs
Counter Claim filed —

Order Injunction
absolute for Plaintiffs
& Costs of Summons —

17.6.97

(4)

No. 1

Matter for Council

Subject

Crim. Inquiry and Judicature to a right to minerals in their Lands and Jah village

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Circulated to Councillors

Chairman

9/7/97

Rajadhiraja Prarina
H.H. of Pudukkottai
A.D. 45 yrs S. 7. 97
Sd.

H.H. Krishna Murthiar
A.D. 45 yrs
9.7.97

Khan Bahadur
Diwan, Pudukkottai

Motion

I am directed to move that the Council do recommend to Government that the Criminal Inquiry and Judicature to a right to minerals in their Lands and Jah village be circulated for opinion

9/7/97

Secl. to Govt
Dept

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Subject

Surveyors Inspection Bungalow
Rights — Devarayanadurga
Would like to know
how the matter now
stands & whether
& when the Sketch
can be

13/2/99

Council on (1) 16/7/97? Was not the file ordered from Tribal Government (2)
the 2nd (or 3rd) at that meeting? How & when
did the file come to the Rec Branch?
Can the Council clerk give me any
information

13-2-99

Council Clerk
Please give this info at once

14/2/99

Sabb

by me as directed by the Secretary

14/2/99.

submitted with
the file - I am sorry
I cannot say just
now whether the papers
were submitted Mr Krishna
- murti as required
by Rowan

13/2/68

I don't
Rama Rao's note
was there a meeting of

MATTER FOR COUNCIL MEETING

SUBJECT.

A draft Regulation to amend the Madras Forest Act, 1882, prepared in the Land Revenue Office, 1888.

Circulated to Councillors.

By Order,

20. 8. 1900

Secretary.

Name	Date of receipt.	Date when passed on
Rajadharma Pravina, T. R. A. Thumboo Chetty, Esq., C.I.E.		
P.N. Kristna Murti, Esq., C.I.E.	20-8-00	7.IX.00
V. P. Madhava Rao, Esq. C.I.E.	7/9/00	
The Secretary		

Sir A. Sivaswami
Should we say
anything
specific about it?
So much do that
happened which
that some means
Pedro was respon-
dar 1893 is fond
& Durga is very
remarkable
The extension
time to be equitable
temporary & dar
1901 is not
long. It is not the
Question of grant to
Europe alone, but
the question always
before me, compre-
hensive - for does
not leave by excluding
the Europe & limiting
the notification
which would have -
Now I cannot say
of from reasons

7.IX.00

Going out at Bangalore
Rec'd 13/9/00

LR 156-96 &C

To

His Excellency Sir K. Sheshadri K.C.S.I.
Dewan of Mysore

May it please your Excellency to take the following few lines to your Excellency's kind consideration.

Some time ago certain rumours reached His Holiness the Sree Sringeri Jagadguru Swamiji that in certain places within the limits of the Sringeri jaghir rubies would be found if mining operations were carried on there. Soon afterwards certain Capitalists both in this country and elsewhere applied to His Holiness for the grant of Prospecting Licenses preliminary to the grant of leases of the Ruby mines within the limits of the jaghir. While His Holiness was still considering how such applications should be disposed of and in what manner the aid of the Mysore Government which has always taken a deep interest in all that concerns the welfare of the jaghir should be sought and obtained regarding the grant of mining leases in the jaghir, some persons appear to have represented by a petition to the Deputy Commissioner of Kadur that His Holiness granted the Ruby mining leases in the Sringeri jaghir without having previously established as required in section 33 of the Mysore Land Revenue Regulation the claims of the jaghir to the mines in question. The Deputy Commissioner has forwarded the said petition to the jaghir Amildar for report.

The undersigned has [illegible]
Highness to make a respectful representation to
effect that His Highness has all along understood
section of the Land Revenue Regulation above
referred has no application to the Sirsangi Jaghir which
has from time out of memory enjoyed the privileges of
an independent Jaghir of which your Excellency is
well aware and to beg that the Government may
be pleased to give His Highness all such aid as it may
seem suited to the present condition and the status
of the Jaghir in the matter of the disposal of the
applications for grant of mining leases in the Jaghir
for which act of kindness His Highness feels very
greatly indebted.

Praying that the Government may be
pleased to pass early and favourable orders in
the matter the undersigned

begs to remain your
Excellency's most obedient and ~~humble~~
humble servant.

Agent of Sirsangi Estate

Dated
30th August 96
Bangalore

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(2) 1896 5092

G. 24/12/96

Received, to Sec.
for final
action, Geological Survey
Mr. Mines
Mr. Engineer in Charge
Field

10/1/97

Not to be included in the Return

17-12-96

From
The Deputy Commissioner
Kaduna District

To
The Secretary to Government
Genl. & Rev. Departments

Dated 11th
Despatched 12th December 96
Received
General No. 355 / 1896-97.
No.

Enclosure No. 1

The undersigned has the honor to forward for the information of Government a copy of his letter, No 880 dated 10th instant, addressed to the Secretary to Government, Geological Department, regarding the supposed existence of Ruby-mines in the Jagindi District.

Deputy Commissioner
Kaduna Dt.

Ad

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SB

Deputy Commissioner's Office
Kaduna District
Chikaji, 10th December, 1906

From

J. Weir, Esq: C.S.
Deputy Commissioner
Kaduna District

To

R. Bruce Foote, Esq: F.G.S.
Secretary to Government,
Geological Department.

Sir,

During a recent visit to Saiyeri I was informed of the supposed existence of Ruby-mines at a place distant about 1½ miles from the town of Saiyeri.

2. I was also shown the locality of the supposed Ruby mines and made a brief inspection of the side.

3. I was of course unable to form any opinion as to whether there was any good foundation for the view that the locality may contain rubies, but the report of the forgiere produced

and made over to me the four small stones which I send herewith and which he said were discovered at the spot and were supposed to be rubies. Many similar and better stones are said to have been found at the spot by villagers and others.

4. I shall be obliged by your acknowledging the receipt of the four stones and by your informing me if they are rubies, or if not, if they are stones having any commercial value.

5. I was also informed by the Agent of the Jaghire that the Senior Geologist Mr Evans had visited and inspected the site of the supposed mines.

If this is so and if you see no objection, I shall be glad — in view of the possible public importance of the subject — to be furnished with any information you may

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the fish to grind — as to the result of the Evans' inspection.

I have the
Sol. J. Vick
Deputy Commissioner
Kadiak Dist.

Copy

Asst Dy Commissioner
Kadiak Dist.

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(4)

Copy of Secretary's note on a letter from the Collector of the Lambert district.

There can be no doubt that the right to minerals within the Pachire vests in the Ruler under the terms of the Grants creating the Pachire. There is also no doubt that the Ruler failed to take advantage of the procedure prescribed in clauses 3, 4, 5 & 6 of Section 38 of the Revenue Regulation and hence there has been no trial adjudication of the claim, and the claim under clause 7 is not now recognizable by any tribunal.

Under clause (3) it was obligatory on the Ruler to have sought the adjudication provided if it claimed the right in question. He has failed in this obligation & two questions therefore arise

1st Has the Ruler's right determined & ceased by the default of the Ruler?

and 2dly If it has, is it a fit case for the State to regrant the rights thus lost?

(Signed) K Seshadri Iyer
28/9/96.

I remain with the terms of the grant seem the right to mines & minerals from the Pachire.

Even if the right vested, I grant the Ruler's claim is clearly barred

But I cannot

rule is made to prevent
fast running the question
of limitation and
repeating the rule with
such reservations and
upon such terms & conditions
as may be deemed proper.

A bond debt may
not be barred by any rule, but
there is nothing to prevent
the debtor agreeing to pay the debt.

Likewise the Court
may, if they can accord
repeal the rule absolutely
in the case of the Crown
is bound by limitation. But
the question is, is it a politic
& expedient thing to do so.
If we can we allow
an exception would at once
create an inconvenient precedent
and lead to numerous other
applications which may not be
bound — thereby making the section of 38
the Landlord & Tenant Act a dead letter.

Barnstaple
(Jan 1859)

W. Bovill

Regent D

(16)

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(Vezi copie în dosarul
Regie
Vezi sentința în copie și
încheierea cu dosarul
Tribunalului în copie, anexate.)

Nr 13676
Lex 2716 / 24-6-97

Copie de pe sentința
Tribunalului și încheierea
în cauză date astăzi pentru
Regie [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Regie
23/6/97
Jur Sedet

Gen. 31

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OFFICE OF THE
11602
30 JUN 1897
DEWAN OF MYSORE

From The Government of Mysore
in Mysore

To The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore

Dated 25th June 1897

Despatched

Received

General No. 176
No.

Enclosure No.

Submitting opinion regarding the Simpsi Guru's right to Inams in his Jahgir.

Dated 2 Aug 97

30/6/97

This matter is
connected with the enquiry by the
Revenue Secretary
Indam

27/6/97

Submitted
1/7/97

26/6/97

Submitted with reference.
29/6/97.

Submitted to Secty

The papers should be returned
when Secretary's enquiry is finished.
Will it be done
29/6/97

No 176

Office of the Government Advocate
in Mysore
Bangalore 25th June 1897.

From

The Government Advocate
in Mysore

To

The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No
13676/M 2716, dated 24th instant, I am of
opinion that under Section 38 clause (3) of
the Land Revenue Code, claims should
be preferred within 5 years after passing
of the Regulation (No IV of 1888) & under
clause 4 of the said Section the claim is
barred by Limitation if not made within
the said period of 5 years.

2. Under Section 6 of the Indian Limitation
Act nothing shall affect or alter the period
prescribed by any Special Law.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

S Ramaswamy
Government Advocate

Address subsequently changed
to Judd C.B. F.R.S. who is an
ity on rubies; but all agree
there were not clear enough
colored as gems though the
stones appear to be entitled
to the distinction of
Local rubies on some
of the deeds appeared
further research in the
locality might reveal
valuable stones but Prof Judd believes
Nature is not favorable. The best
is found in limestone or the
derived from from the destruction
of limestones
so all the specimens that there is not any
likelihood of rubies being found of such
ty and in such quantity as to furnish
ration for a great commercial
enterprise, though this would
that if the gems were
economically worked and
be made to pay on a small
scale. Any rubies found
of super fine quality
should not be sold by pie
ces of importance will be
found within the pipe but
it is not impossible that there
may be alluvial deposits which
contain a little gold and the
neighbourhood of the river might also
there be worked so economically
as to pay - but this would only be
on a small scale

Yours very truly
Samuel Taylor

Physical Geological
Dept. of
2-7-97

Dear Sir Swinnerton Par

I reached Bringeri on August
1894 but was only there two or three
days but was able to form some
idea of the mineral resources of
the Jagir - I do not believe that
we can look forward to any very
great development of the mining
industry there.

The ruby conundrum has
attracted notice for some time.
Samuel Cole [illegible]

me that he and Mr
Thomas Sheaker the
Indian Surveyor
ago - and some sort of
was arrived at between
with a view to a joint
to develop the
a concession was
In the Burma
coffee planter subsequently
[illegible] into the
with Thomas Sheaker
to claim for a concession
[illegible]

Yours

WR 156-96 8C9

Memo 14

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The questions raised in the above Note* are general questions affecting not only the Sirmoor State but also other Zamindars similarly circumstanced.

The first of them was discussed at the Council meeting of the 14th August and decided in the affirmative, while the second was reserved for further consideration. The point for decision is whether, in order to afford relief to this & other Zamindars who, admittedly in ignorance of the new law on the subject, have by default forfeited their right, each case may be specially dealt with by the State on its own merits or legislative action may be taken with the object of extending the period prescribed for the institution of such claims and imposing by public notification all claimants to prefer their claims within such extended period.

If legislative action is decided upon, it would be necessary to lay down in specific terms the exact character of the claims

* by the Diwan of 28 Sept 96 on Sirmoor Agent's letter of 30 Aug 96. (See papers below)

Circulate Council. 12

which may be allowed to be
brought forward for adjudication
"Inamdar" is a term which
is somewhat vague and
"holder of alienated land"
though more definite includes
many who can have no
possible claim to Minerals —

The Concession of a 99 yr
term to be given by the
proposed new Law Shd
be restricted to the
Cases in which from
the terms of the Grant
Granting the Inam land
it is evident that
the Grantor intended
to transfer to the Grantee
the whole of the
proprietary right in
the land, without
reserving for himself
& his Successors, expressly
or by implication, the
Right to Minerals —

The question whether
legislative action
as above is necessary
and if so to what Cases
the proposed Concession Shd
apply, is one which I
wd ask early
Consideration & decision
by the Council

8/2/97

The claim to the
mineral rights
was duly published — Upon
no claim or no enquiry —
any Inamdar to prefer
Inamdars to have the
right to minerals, if allowed
of Inamdars, no proper
claims and no proper
or right are clearly known
it is impossible
further time — I wd therefore
recommend any legislation
as proposed as soon
the claims that
been disposed of the
present term — As regards the
permanent right of the Inamdars
Inamdars than already
any rights as any
This right has now become
absolute by the Inamdars not
having under Clauses

* and hence barred claims. The Land Act Code came into force on 1st July 1887 five years, which was allowed from that date for Mandans to prefer their claims, was a sufficiently long time, and as there we have not had more than 2 claims both of which are out of time the reason why there have not been any claims within the prescribed time is given in the report of the Select Committee para 13:- "It is "very improbable that any grant "or other instrument of transfer executed "by Government would be found "other than silent as to mineral "rights." This was the opinion of one of our Select Officers (Mr Grant) who has been both many & years in office for a very long time - Under these circumstances why extend the time allowed by 058, & why go through the farce of legislating formally to create claims already barred - * Crown grantees already holders the grant as a rule must have conferred

and the right to Mandamus, i.e. every thing that belongs to the original Empire, but not the contents, i.e. every thing beneath the surface such as mines & Minerals which is always reserved as the property of the Sovereign — We then as it may, we have allow the Inundations until time after the Expiry of the Negotiation Notice then claims to the Establishment of their right & remedy. They find to be — every Thing of first Importance In any humble opinion there is no Court room for such a step being taken — If it is intended to send any Official Explosion to the Empire Jum 7 what or any other undertaking, the Empire is at liberty to do as better suiting the right & remedy although or by impose any condition or restrictions, with the offered of the Jail of Indian —

Rec. this morning.
Five minutes answered
9-1-97

A. Mandamus
8. 7. 97

YR 156 96 SL 10 (10) 18

I've since already decided that the Lingsi Kuti case is time barred.
This decision may, I think be intimated to the Kuti.

As to neither magistrate nor executive, in any humble opinion, to alter the existing Law or the rule of this simple case.

Why should we anticipate Cases at all?

Cases will come to be a Court, Parties to invite Claimants real or pretended, if no free legislation, when we are Camping forward within the time & file long Years allowed for the Law which we presume after mature deliberation, and with the sanction of the Government of Sierra.

Neither to claim settlement can be disturbed, nor can the Magistrate grant away its rights to minerals to any Grantee, without reference to the Government Courts, and it will be time enough to make a reference when that Government in regard to the Kuti case alone.

Freetown
6th July 1897

J. Beale Kelsall

Mineral Rights (11)

I have given this subject my most anxious & careful consideration and have come to the conclusion that it is inadvisable to move in this matter just now.

2. The Dewan has not been blamed or censured in any; but as expressed more than once by him there can be no doubt that the information regarding mineral rights was not known to many of the Jaunsars and the result has in several cases been that I undeserved confiscation. From my particular position I could not have given expression to this sentiment had not the Dewan himself stated repeated it more than once. An important law determining what exactly a particular class of rights ought

not because they lagged in
as a side provision in the
a Regulation the avowed object
of which was to consolidate and amend the law
relating to the Land Revenue in the Territories
of Mysore." After it was passed
it behoved the Govt to give wide
publicity to this provision by
a special Notification calling
the attention of those interested
with new procedure laid down
and the important consequences
to its default. This was not done.

3. I am not sure that the main
investigation did not extend to
this source of revenue. Our Code
is based upon the Bombay Code
and we find no provision
there analogous to ours. Here
in the same law exists in Bombay
& Madras where the mining
industry in gold has attracted
as much attention as it has here on account of the
valuable gold fields. Our land laws
& the main investigation are not
dissimilar to those of British Provinces

2 I we are kept any light to
print the from the Transvaal -

The Land Rev Regulation
came into force in April 1889
that is way more than 8 years ago.
The period within which
then claims ought to have
been urged expired in April
1894 and the minority had
the proclaimed only in 1895 -
The question is whether in the
absence of an urgent and
a more widely spread call
from the people this present
provincial Govt will be justi-
-fied or warranted in
dealing with this matter.
I am inclined to think not.

5 If however it is deemed
desirable we could the time
I would simply do so by an
amending act and extend
the time for a further period
of three years one year - leaving
the rest of the provisions as they
ment. are in the new Code

I would not deal with indi

5.

- individual cases.

7. Grants of such valuable rights are in any opinion out of question in the present minority.

15.7.97

With reference to Mr Thurston's doubts as whether any existing grants included Mineral rights, I may add — (speaking from memory, for I have not the papers —) that the matter was years ago fully discussed by the British Govt and that the final decision was in favor of regarding Mineral rights as included & excluded when the grants were made — In accordance with this decision Grants of land, under the Wyvard & Neighbouring Land Rules, were held to include Mineral rights — Our law, in S. 38 of the Rev Regn, is [illegible] for less liberal — I am mainly responsible for that law and feel bound to bring forward some proposal for amending the Confiscation which has resulted under it. And I further think that the matter is one which cannot improve by being deferred beyond the Meeting — It would be most invidious always to deal with individual cases, and it will be unwise to create inconvenient precedents by Special Concessions in particular Cases — If we are convinced that a remedy is required, our duty is to provide it.

16.7.97

Please state by the subject of the question

Ans. Mr Thurston

Urgent ER 15-96 22

SH2 (12)

The mining rights in Rangeri Jaghire

This question was before the Council on more than one occasion, with reference to the Special legislation I had suggested. Apparently no action either way has been taken.

2. The Secy will please note below how the matter exactly stands now and send me the file to see

3. I shd like the very early disposal of this question

19/2/99

Office - Put up a draft & mention further delay

19-2-99

To the Branch
20/2/99

Endorsement
2 Secy with
Office note
2 3 files
21/2/99

The file is dealing with
a note by Mr Krishna Rao.

I regret that the matter
seems inadvertently lost
sight of so long. C
20/2/99

Asked to see as previously
decided at today's
Council meeting. I
find that no letter 97
was called for even
a note requesting
from the Chairman
regarding all claims
requested under section 3
& that he sent us a
letter which was returned
for reasons & postage
in April 98. I am
trying to find out
whether that cases
- Mandamus will afford
a clue to the action of any
Authority in the present
case subsequent to
the Supreme Court
16/7/97 - C.

21/2/97.

B&M.
22.2.99.

This file was sent me by
Mr D'Souza with his D.O.
letter 22-2-99.

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(B)

Before deciding whether it is desirable to resort to legislation on this matter, I should like to have full information regarding the number of claims preferred under Proviso (3) of S. 35 of the L R Code & the manner in which they have been disposed of.

I have asked Legn Dept on a separate file by

ii If legislation is necessary it will be by simple substitution of ~~the~~ the words "before 31 Dec 1999" for "within 5 yrs of the passing of this Regn" in Proviso 3 to 4 of the Section.

An Alternative method that is by "Special revenue grants" in particular cases ascertain & require the remedy before a specified date. We must have some finality.

The Legn Dept of State the question regarding it as an

Urgent one & bring it forward before 31 March 99

24/2/99

Affidavit Registration Act
for receipt. A

25/2/99

Rec'd 25/2/99

An amendment of Section 38 of the Land Revenue Code, amounting to an extension of the time within which claims to mineral rights could be preferred, cannot by itself operate to revive claims which have, before such extension, absolutely ceased to exist. It is necessary, in addition, to give retrospective effect to the amendment as from the date of the passing of the Code.

A draft Regulation as above, which recites, in the Preamble the reasons for its enactment, is put up for approval.

If, on the other hand, the mode of relief preferred is

is a "official mere fiction",
then there seems no necessity
for resorting to legislation, the
object aimed at being simply
attained by a Notification
purporting to issue under
orders of the Sovereign.

As S. 38 of the Code
requires that claims to
mineral rights should be
based in each case on the terms of
a grant or other instru-
ment in existence expressly
transferring the right to the
person in whose favour it
is executed, it appears
unnecessary to lay down
any further qualification
as to the persons to whom the
concession will be shown

Subd to Secy. 1-3-99.

LR 15 96 (14) 28
SL 14

A Draft Regulation to extend the time within which claims to mineral rights could be validly preferred under the Mysore Land Rev.. Code,

Whereas there is reason to believe that persons having claims to a right to minerals under the terms of grants or other instruments of transfer made or executed by the Government for the time being have, nevertheless, failed, from ignorance of the requirements of the law in this behalf, to prefer the same within five years after the passing of the Mysore Land Revenue Code, 1888, and are in consequence liable to forfeit the same as having been barred by limitation; and whereas it is considered expedient to afford relief to such persons by extending the period within which claims as aforesaid could be validly preferred; Her Highness the Maharani-Regent is pleased to enact as follws:-

Preamble.

1. Section 38 of the Mysore Land Revenue Code, 1888, shall be read as if at the time that the said Code was enacted the words "on or before the 31st day of December ~~1899~~ 1906" had been inserted ~~substituted~~ in lieu of the words "within five years after the passing of this Regulation" in Provisos (3) and (4) thereof.

Amendment of Section 38 of the Land Revenue Code.